



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-11

WHEREAS, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, have declared that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be put into effect and incorporated by all appropriate entities in the state by September 2006; and

WHEREAS, local and state Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) incorporate the management principles of NIMS; and

WHEREAS, the components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout North Dakota, including current emergency management training and exercising; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all federal, state, local, and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all federal, state, local, and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most effective and efficient incident management it is critical that state, local and tribal organizations use standardized terminology, organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards for planning, training and exercising and comprehensive resource management, as well as designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the state's ability to use federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline the incident management process; and

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5 directs the development and administration of NIMS to provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size of or complexity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and
2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 21st day of December, 2004.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:
/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State